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Development of public information activities in the field of human rights, including the World Public Information Campaign for Human Rights

Report of the Secretary-General

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Introduction

1. In its resolution 1993/49 of 9 March 1993, entitled "Development of public information activities in the field of human rights, including the World Public Information Campaign for Human Rights", the Commission on Human Rights, reaffirming that activities to improve public knowledge in the field of human rights were essential to the fulfilment of the purposes of the United Nations and that carefully designed programmes of teaching, education and information were essential to the achievement of lasting respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms, affirmed that a World Public Information Campaign for Human Rights was a valuable complement to the activities of the United Nations aimed at the further promotion and protection of human rights worldwide.

2. The World Public Information Campaign for Human Rights was launched by the General Assembly in its resolution 43/128 of 8 December 1988, on the occasion of the fortieth anniversary of the adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, with the objective of increasing understanding and awareness of human rights and fundamental freedoms and educating the public on the international human rights machinery and the efforts of the United Nations to promote and protect human rights.

3. In keeping with these objectives, the United Nations is developing its information and education programme, since information leading to awareness and knowledge of basic rights and freedoms represents an essential element towards the universal implementation of the standards already set in the field of human rights. The five main areas of activity of the World Campaign are: preparation and dissemination of printed information materials; workshops, seminars and training courses; fellowships and internships; special human rights observances; promotion activities.

4. As stated in the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action (A/CONF.157/23), the World Conference on Human Rights considered human rights education, training and public information essential for the promotion and achievement of stable and harmonious relations among communities and for fostering mutual understanding, tolerance and peace. It also underlined the importance of strengthening the World Public Information Campaign for Human Rights and stated that Governments, with the assistance of intergovernmental organizations, national institutions and non-governmental organizations, should promote an increased awareness of human rights and mutual tolerance. It asked Governments to initiate and support education in human rights and to undertake effective dissemination of public information in this field. The World Conference on Human Rights also stated that the advisory services and technical assistance programme of the United Nations system should be able to respond immediately to requests from States for educational and training activities in the field of human rights as well as for special education concerning standards as contained in international human rights instruments and in human rights law and their application to special groups such as military forces, law enforcement personnel, police and the health professions. The World Conference also stressed that the proclamation of a United Nations decade for human rights education should be considered in order to promote, encourage and focus the educational activities.

5. In its resolution 1993/49, the Commission on Human Rights requested the Secretary-General to submit to the Commission at its fiftieth session a report on public information activities with special emphasis on the activities of the World Public Information Campaign for Human Rights, including details of the costs incurred in 1993 and the budget envisaged for future activities, as well as further assessment of the impact of the World Campaign activities undertaken by the United Nations in the field of human rights. The present report is submitted in accordance with that request.

I. PUBLICATIONS, TRAINING AND EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES

A. Publications programme

6. The elaboration of printed material on human rights is one of the main aspects of the information programme of the Centre for Human Rights. This material is distributed to national and regional human rights organizations, academic and research institutions, the media, non-governmental organizations and concerned individuals.

7. The Centre has conducted a thorough and comprehensive revision of its information programme. The aim was both to review and renew the overall information strategy of the Centre, as to its policy, goals, target audience and methods of work. As part of this effort, a Working Group on Information was established within the Advisory Services and Information Branch of the Centre. The Working Group provided advice on the editorial policies for the various human rights publications; setting of priorities; choice of topics to be addressed in the Centre's information material; selection of authors; selection of material to be published; creation of new series and revision or discontinuing of existing ones; and finally, questions related to the distribution of the Centre's publications.

8. The primary task of the Working Group was to undertake a comprehensive evaluation of the principal publications of the Centre, such as the Fact Sheets, the Bulletin of Human Rights, the Human Rights Newsletter and the Human Rights Study Series. Each publication was analysed according to the criteria of utility, consistency with its original objective, efficiency in its production and suitability of its format. Several recommendations were made by the Working Group, which will be implemented if adequate resources are made available to the Centre. Information on these recommendations is included in the sections concerning each publication.

9. Other issues on the agenda of the Working Group included: the strengthening and implementation of the new approach adopted by the Centre on the production of teaching materials, in particular manuals; a reassessment of the translation programme of the Centre, aiming at defining a more efficient and more precisely targeted strategy in this field; the improvement of the methods currently adopted for the dissemination of information on human rights in terms of efficiency, promptness and correspondence to the needs and expectations of the public.

10. The possibility of establishing a library within the Centre is being actively considered by the Centre and plans have been made to initiate the activities for its establishment during 1994. This issue has been raised in

several forums, most recently in the Vienna Statement of the International Human Rights Treaty Bodies (A/CONF.157/TB3/4). In that statement, the representatives of the international human rights treaty bodies dealt with the question of the efforts needed to promote greater coordination among the various international treaty bodies and to avoid duplication or divergent interpretations of comparable norms because of lack of information as to the approach adopted by other bodies. The representatives at the World Conference on Human Rights suggested that "the Centre for Human Rights should establish, as a matter of the utmost priority, a Documentation and Information Unit; States should provide the assistance and resources necessary for this purpose" (para. 14 (b)).

11. There exists general agreement that an internal library containing a comprehensive collection of textbooks and publications on human rights, as well as United Nations documents, would greatly facilitate the work of members of the various human rights treaty bodies as well as that of the Centre's staff. The United Nations Library has expressed its willingness to help the Centre in planning and establishing of the Centre's library.

12. Ways in which cooperation between the Centre and other United Nations bodies and agencies whose mandates involve human rights topics could be enhanced were also considered and actively pursued. To this end, the cooperation of the Division for the Advancement of Women, the International Labour Organisation (ILO) and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) was sought; they were requested to comment on the publications prepared by the Centre for Human Rights. Comments on the publications were also provided by the Human Rights Committee and the Committee on the Rights of the Child. In addition, a publication was produced in cooperation with the Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Branch.

1. Information material

(a) Fact Sheets

13. The Fact Sheet series consists of booklets directed at a non-specialized audience, dealing with different aspects of United Nations activities in the field of human rights, including the international mechanisms for the protection of human rights, or with specific human rights issues. Fact Sheets are translated into the six official languages of the United Nations and distributed worldwide free of charge. Owing to the increased demand, several Fact Sheets have been reprinted. Since the last report of the Secretary-General to the Commission, Fact Sheets Nos. 19 (National Institutions for the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights), 20 (Human Rights and Refugees), and 21 (Right to Adequate Housing), have been issued (the last only in English since the translations have not been completed).

14. A Fact Sheet entitled United Nations Machinery for the Protection of the Rights of Women has been prepared and is currently being published. Fact Sheets on migrant workers, religious intolerance, the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, the right to food and the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights are under preparation. Fact Sheet No. 6, Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances, was revised; the revision

includes the text of the Declaration on the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance adopted by the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session in 1992. Several Fact Sheets, including No. 3 (Advisory Services and Technical Assistance) and No. 10, on The Rights of the Child, are being revised and updated. The complete list of Fact Sheets is contained in the annex.

(b) Bulletin of Human Rights

15. As a result of the revision of the information programme referred to above, a decision was taken to suspend publication of the Bulletin of Human Rights. A detailed proposal for launching an academic-style Journal on Human Rights to replace the Bulletin has been developed within the Centre. Publication of the Journal will be overseen by an editorial board of experts from both within and outside the Centre. Negotiations for external publication of the Journal are being conducted with interested publishers.

(c) Human Rights Newsletter

16. The Human Rights Newsletter was begun in 1988 and appeared quarterly in English and French. In 1992, after a first evaluation by the Centre, the Newsletter was discontinued until a more careful revision of its role and contents could be undertaken and adequate resources assigned for its timely production. Since the publication is not a priority of the Centre and in view of the lack of personnel assigned to it, the Newsletter was not published in 1993.

(d) Human Rights Study Series

17. The Human Rights Study Series reproduces studies and reports, prepared by experts of the Commission in accordance with mandates on Human Rights, or the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities, on important human rights issues. Six issues in the series have been published so far (see annex). The first five issues are available in all official United Nations languages and the sixth is available in English, French, Russian and Spanish. Two additional studies are being elaborated, on the right to development and the exploitation of children.

(e) Ad hoc publications

18. The Ad hoc publications consist mainly of reports on and proceedings of conferences, workshops and other events held under the auspices of the Centre for Human Rights. Since the last report of the Secretary-General, one new ad hoc publication has been issued. The series now contains 16 titles (see annex).

19. In keeping with its policy of rationalizing and streamlining its publications programme, the Centre for Human Rights has decided to reserve the ad hoc series for publishing the results of particularly important or innovative events and activities. The latest publication is the report of the United Nations Workshop for the Asia-Pacific Region on Human Rights Issues. The Workshop was organized in accordance with resolution 1992/40

of 28 February 1992 of the Commission on Human Rights under the programme of advisory services of the Centre for Human Rights and in cooperation with the Government of Indonesia.

20. The report reproduces the concluding remarks of the Chairman of the Workshop as well as the opening address by the Under-Secretary-General for Human Rights. It also contains detailed summaries of the various topics discussed at the Workshop including the issue of national institutions for the promotion and protection of human rights and the possibility of establishing a human rights machinery in the Asia-Pacific region. The report is available in English and French.

21. A new version of the booklet Human Rights: Questions and Answers is also under preparation within the Department of Public Information (DPI); the Centre will contribute substantially to its drafting.

(f) Teaching materials

22. The Centre is devoting considerable efforts to the elaboration of teaching materials at all levels, in keeping with the directives of the Commission on Human Rights. ABC Teaching Human Rights was issued in 1989 and is available in all six official languages. The English version, which is currently out of stock, is being reprinted in order to respond to an increasing number of requests from teachers' organizations, educational institutions and international organizations. Translations of the booklet into other than the official United Nations languages have been made by non-governmental organizations active in the field of human rights education.

(g) Professional Training Series

23. An important development in the elaboration of teaching and educational materials is the newly established Professional Training Series designed primarily to provide support to the training activities of the programme of advisory services and technical assistance, as well as to assist other organizations involved in human rights education for professional groups. Each manual is directed at a specific target audience selected for its ability to influence the human rights situation at the national level. The international standards relevant to each topic are reproduced along with practical recommendations and/or exercises relevant to the professional responsibilities of the target group. The Professional Training Series is flexible and can adapt materials to the particular needs and realities of a range of potential audiences within the target group, in terms of their culture, education, history and experience. Where appropriate, information on effective pedagogical techniques is included to assist trainers in utilizing the manuals as effectively as possible. An emphasis on "training the trainers" allows for the broadest possible dissemination of human rights principles and information with a minimum of resource expenditure.

24. Each manual or handbook is prepared with the assistance of experts in the relevant fields and is subject to extensive external review and appraisal. Where appropriate, manuals or handbooks are tested in training sessions prior to their finalization. The first of the publications in the series, Teaching and Learning about Human Rights - A Manual for Schools of Social Work and the

Social Work Profession, was originally published in 1992 and subsequently revised and reissued. It is currently available in English and it is expected that other language versions will soon follow. The second and third in the series, the Handbook on Free and Fair Elections and the Handbook on International Standards related to Pre-Trial Detention, have been published in English and are being translated into other official languages. The Centre is currently elaborating three further manuals, Human Rights for Law Enforcement Officials, National Institutions for the Protection and Promotion of Human Rights and Human Rights in the Administration of Justice, which are expected to be published in the course of 1994. The Manual on Human Rights Reporting will also be revised and updated in 1994 and its format made suitable as a pedagogical tool for training courses on reporting obligations.

25. The Centre also contributed substantially to the preparation of general United Nations publications, such as the United Nations Yearbook and Everyone's United Nations.

(h) Translations

26. The Centre for Human Rights, in cooperation with DPI, has been coordinating the translation and authentication of regional and local language versions of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. As mentioned above, the Working Group on Information is now in the process of reviewing the translations project with a view to increasing both the range of instruments translated and the number of language versions produced. To this end it is formulating a strategy in relation to the three instruments composing the International Bill of Human Rights aimed at identifying the language versions which exist and those which remain to be produced. Non-governmental organizations are a valuable resource in this respect and their cooperation is being actively sought. The Centre will continue working closely with DPI in an effort to ensure the widespread and effective dissemination of the translated instruments. In addition, under the technical assistance country projects, international human rights instruments and other United Nations human rights publications were translated, published and disseminated in local languages in Albania, Bulgaria, Guinea, Hungary, Mongolia and Romania. Human rights documents were also translated into Portuguese for Sao Tome and Principe and other Portuguese-speaking countries.

27. The Centre continued to receive information from non-governmental organizations and educational and cultural institutions which asked for assistance for the translation of these documents and reported on translation projects that had been carried out.

2. Reference material

28. The reference publications of the Centre for Human Rights, which are United Nations sales publications, are directed at a more specialized audience. These are:

(a) United Nations Action in the Field of Human Rights which appears every five years, is the standard United Nations reference work in the field of human rights. The last issue, covering the period 1945 to 1988, is available in all official languages except Russian. A new issue, covering the

period 1989-1993, is being published and will be soon available in English. Other official-language versions will be published during 1994;

(b) Human Rights: A Compilation of International Instruments contains the texts of the basic international instruments in the field of human rights. The format of this publication has been reviewed and now consists of two volumes, each is divided into two parts. Volume I, containing the universal instruments, has been published in English; volume II, which is being printed, is devoted to regional instruments. It is a multilingual publication which reproduces the texts of regional instruments in their original languages;

(c) Human Rights International Instruments: Chart of Ratifications. Two issues of this periodical appeared in 1993. The current one contains information updated to July 1993;

(d) Human Rights: Status of International Instruments includes detailed information on ratifications, reservations, objections and declarations in relation to the human rights instruments contained in the Compilation. An updated version of the Status of International Instruments is being prepared and will be published at the beginning of 1994;

(e) The Yearbook on Human Rights in the context of the review of the information programme, has had its format and contents thoroughly revised. The review took into account comments received from Governments and non-governmental organizations which indicated that the Yearbook did not satisfy the need for information on the activities of the different human rights treaty bodies, the Commission on Human Rights and the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities. A new outline for the Yearbook was prepared which takes into account information available in reports of these bodies. The first issue of the Yearbook for 1993 is currently being prepared and will be issued after the 1994 session of the Commission. Guidelines for the contents and format of the Yearbook on Human Rights are contained in the annex to Economic and Social Council resolution 1979/37 of 10 May 1979. These indicate that the Yearbook should include "extracts from important documents adopted by the relevant organs of the United Nations system or submitted in accordance with decisions of such organs, selected with a view to their wider dissemination, and statements of policy or principle by the Secretary-General on questions of human rights". The new version of the Yearbook will provide information from documents and reports submitted to the General Assembly, the Economic and Social Council, the Commission on Human Rights, the Sub-commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities and human rights treaty-monitoring bodies;

(f) Official Records of the Human Rights Committee (formerly Yearbook of the Human Rights Committee) is available in English and French up to the 1983-1984 issue, as is volume I of the 1985-1986 issue. Volume I of the 1987 issue of the Yearbook and volume I of the 1987/1988 issue are available only in English. The English version of volume II of the 1985-1986, 1987 and 1987/1988 issues are in preparation;

(g) Selected Decisions of the Human Rights Committee Under the Optional Protocol. Volume I - (second to sixteenth session) is out of stock; volume II - (seventeenth to thirty-second sessions) is available in Spanish, the English version is out of stock and only a few copies of the French version are still available. A reprint of volume I and of the English and French versions of volume II would be highly desirable if the necessary resources are made available.

29. A number of publications and public information materials were issued in connection with the World Conference on Human Rights. The Centre for Human Rights assisted the United Nations Library in the publication of the Human Rights Bibliography. The Bibliography takes a dual approach: human rights in the context of the United Nations and human rights in a global context. The first five volumes include some 9,000 entries concerning documents published by the United Nat and contained in the United Nations Bibliographic Information Syst (UNBIS). Volume I contains the introduction and a main list by category lume II contains the author's index and volumes III to V contain the sub index. The project will continue with the publication of a series of works on human rights published outside the United Nations and in various languages.

30. Also in the context of the activities carried out in connection with the World Conference on Human Rights and in accordance with General Assembly resolution 46/166, the Centre for Human Rights published the United Nations Reference Guide in the Field of Human Rights. The Guide is divided into 11 chapters, with subheadings, under which all relevant documents are listed by subject. The Guide is complementary to the Human Rights Bibliography. Both are available only in English.

31. DPI prepared a kit for the World Conference on Human Rights containing information on the agenda of the World Conference, the texts of the declarations adopted by the preparatory regional meetings for the World Conference, the mechanisms for the protection of human rights and information on technical assistance in the field of human rights. DPI also produced posters for the World Conference and other printed and audio-visual material, including articles which were published in newspapers and radio and television programmes, in English, French and Spanish. It also published the text of the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action and the opening statement of the Secretary-General to the World Conference in a booklet for wide circulation. Mention of other material published by DPI is made in its report to the General Assembly (A/48/407).

B. Training courses, seminars, workshops

32. In its resolution 1993/87, the Commission on Human Rights noted the importance of training courses and seminars under the programme of advisory services and technical assistance as forms of practical assistance to States with a view to ensuring the rule of law and to enable them to develop the necessary mechanisms to meet international human rights standards. In the course of 1993, the Centre organized a number of such meetings for a variety of target audiences. The complete list is included in the report of the

Secretary-General to the Commission on Human Rights on advisory services and technical cooperation activities in the field of human rights (E/CN.4/1994/78).

Attendance at training courses, workshops and other activities organized within or outside the United Nations system

33. During 1993, the Centre for Human Rights participated in more than 60 conferences, workshops, seminars, training courses and other meetings organized all over the world by intergovernmental and regional organizations, Governments, academic and research institutions and non-governmental organizations. Such participation was severely restricted by financial restrictions within the United Nations, which prevented the Centre from sending representatives to attend more than 130 meetings to which it was invited. A negative aspect of such restrictions is that they normally affect the attendance at events organized by non-governmental organizations with scarce resources which cannot afford to pay the expenses of representatives of the Centre. Such events are often those on which the participation of the Centre would have a great impact in terms of disseminating information on human rights issues. By way of example, the Centre was able to attend only 2 out of the 20 meetings to which it was invited on the African continent, 2 out of the 5 to which it was invited in Latin America and 2 out of the 19 to which the Centre was invited in Asia. It is important to note, however, that out of the 23 remaining meetings which the Centre did attend, most were held in Geneva, or in Vienna or New York. Nevertheless, as requested, available information and publications were sent to events organized by non-governmental organizations which the Centre could not attend, especially when such events were taking place in a least developed country.

II. COORDINATION AND COOPERATION WITHIN AND OUTSIDE THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM

34. As part of its ongoing efforts to coordinate its activities with those of other United Nations bodies and in keeping with the Commission's request on this subject, the Centre for Human Rights convenes each year in Geneva an inter-agency meeting on human rights issues. These meetings allow participants to review joint projects and to exchange information on a number of ongoing activities in the field of human rights carried out by the respective organizations. They also provide an opportunity to identify further forms of cooperation between the Centre for Human Rights and the organizations represented. Information, documentation and education in the field of human rights is one of the items on the agenda of these meetings.

35. Following the World Conference on Human Rights, the Centre convened two inter-agency meetings, on 7 and 14 October 1993, to discuss in depth the follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action. The meetings were attended by representatives of the following bodies and United Nations agencies: United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), United Nations Volunteers (UNV), United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), United Nations Non-Governmental Liaison Service (NGLS), Food and Agricultural Organization of the United Nations (FAO), United Nations Educational,

Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), World Health Organization (WHO), International Monetary Fund (IMF) and United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO).

36. The Centre for Human Rights was represented at both meetings by senior staff members. The participants explicitly identified areas in which they could begin to cooperate with the Centre as follows: UNDP expressed its readiness to cooperate on the programmes of advisory services and technical assistance, in particular where these deal with economic, social and cultural rights; WHO was ready to cooperate in implementing the recommendations of the Committee on the Rights of the Child and in preparing a plan of action for such implementation; UNESCO was particularly interested in cooperation in relation to a decade on human rights education; UNIDO expressed its willingness to cooperate with the Centre and financial institutions in developing a strategy for a better integration of women's needs in development assistance; FAO expressed its readiness to cooperate with the Centre in programmes relating to the right to food.

37. The Centre for Human Rights was asked to bring together all bodies and agencies dealing with women's rights in order to organize their input into the World Summit for Social Development, the International Conference on Population and Development and the Fourth World Conference on Women.

38. With regard to information, the participants discussed the question of the establishment of a database and agreed that the system chosen should enhance cooperation and prevent duplication.

39. The meeting also discussed the question of a reporting system which would permit the bodies and agencies to inform the Centre for Human Rights annually about their human rights activities. The Centre was requested regularly to inform the other United Nations bodies of its activities. Participants agreed to provide to the Centre lists of their human rights activities and programmes.

40. In implementing its publications programme, the Centre cooperates with other bodies and organizations of the United Nations system, as well as non-governmental organizations. Examples of this cooperation are the forthcoming manuals on human rights for law enforcement officials and on human rights in the administration of justice, and the Handbook on International Standards related to Pre-Trial Detention, prepared in cooperation with the Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Branch; the Fact Sheets on the United Nations machinery for the protection of the rights of women, and on refugees were both submitted to the relevant agencies for comments.

41. Some 5,000 letters were received this year from NGOs throughout the world, requesting publications, information and participation by the Centre in various events (seminars, workshops, conferences, celebrations). These letters were replied to individually and the requested information provided. Some of the letters contained requests to be included on the mailing list for information on human rights or documents of the Commission and the Sub-Commission. The volume of the mailing list, which contains at present names of governmental and non-governmental organizations, institutions and

individuals, has increased to such a point that the distribution services feel they will not be able to cope if the trend continues at the present rate and their resources are not increased.

Non-governmental organizations

42. Reference to the valuable action of non-governmental organizations is made in paragraph 11 of resolution 1993/49, in which the Commission on Human Rights requested the Secretariat to take advantage as much as possible, in the implementation of the World Campaign, of the collaboration of non-governmental organizations, including in the dissemination of human rights materials. NGOs continue to cooperate actively with the United Nations bodies dealing with human rights, providing them with information and expertise. They also contribute effectively to the implementation of the activities under the World Public Information Campaign, especially in the areas of information, education and dissemination of United Nations materials and publications. They also cooperate with the Centre for Human Rights in the organization of training activities in several countries in which the Centre is implementing technical assistance programmes.

43. In connection with the forty-ninth session of the Commission on Human Rights, special briefings for representatives of non-governmental organizations were given by staff members of the Centre.

44. In Geneva and New York, non-governmental organizations were to be associated with the celebration of the Human Rights Day on 10 December 1993, the forty-fifth anniversary of the adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. In Geneva, two representatives of non-governmental organizations were to be among the seven panellists in the round table "Human rights in daily life - evolution after the Vienna Conference" organized by the Centre. Other non-governmental organizations contributed to the celebration by presenting exhibitions on the Universal Declaration and on other human rights issues and providing material for an exhibition of publications prepared in the context of the celebration. They also contributed video films that were shown at the Palais des Nations.

Human rights academic and research institutions

45. The Centre regularly cooperates with the International Institute for Human Rights in Strasbourg, France, in the organization of the Institute's annual teaching session on the major human rights protection systems. In 1993 the Centre again provided the Institute with three staff members to give lectures in English, French and Spanish for a one-week period. United Nations fellows on human rights regularly spend two weeks at the Institute in order to deepen their knowledge of regional human rights protection systems.

46. The Centre continued its cooperation with the Inter-American Institute of Human Rights at San José, the International Institute of Humanitarian Law in San Remo, Italy, the International Institute of Higher Studies in Criminal Sciences, at Siracusa, Italy, the Raoul Wallenberg Institute of Human Rights and Humanitarian Law at Lund, Sweden, the Graduate Institute of Higher International Studies at Geneva and the "Ecole Internationale" at Bordeaux, France.

47. Cooperation also continued throughout 1993 with the Arab Institute for Human Rights at Tunis and the African Centre for Democracy and Human Rights, at Banjul. The Centre regularly provides the Institute with documentation about the activity of United Nations human rights bodies. Briefings were also provided at their request to many human rights and academic institutions including the Liverpool Institute of Public Administration and Management (United Kingdom), the Institute des Hautes Etudes Commerciales de Liège (Belgium), the Amsterdam School of International Relations and Erasmus University, (Netherlands), Lund University (Sweden) and the Fédération française des Clubs UNESCO (France).

48. Throughout 1993, the Centre for Human Rights continued its efforts to increase cooperation with other organizations dealing with human rights, such as international and regional organizations, academic and research institutions, non-governmental organizations and the media.

III. BRIEFINGS, EXHIBITS AND HUMAN RIGHTS OBSERVANCES

49. The Centre organizes briefings on United Nations activities in the field of human rights and on specific human rights issues for students, diplomats, journalists, public officials, professors and non-governmental organizations. The Centre also provides lecturers for the briefings organized by the Department of Public Information. Over 100 such briefings were delivered by officers of the Centre during the reporting period.

50. The Centre for Human Rights, in cooperation with DPI, organized the celebration of the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination. A round table on racism, racial discrimination and xenophobia took place with the participation of the Director-General of the United Nations Office at Geneva, the Assistant Secretary-General for Human Rights, the Chairman of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination and a representative of the NGO community.

51. A number of exhibitions were sponsored by the Centre in 1993, especially in connection with human rights events such as the celebration of Human Rights Day. The activities organized by the Centre for this celebration run for a period of two weeks. On 8 December 1993 the Assistant Secretary-General for Human Rights is to hold a press conference. Among other activities, the Centre has organized an exhibition of paintings and sculptures inspired by human rights issues. The Centre also sponsored an exhibition consisting of 69 panels with pictures and texts on the Universal Declaration Human Rights and other human rights instruments prepared by Soka Gakkai. The exhibition will run from 6 to 17 December 1993. In addition, an exhibition of historical and recent publications on human rights, organized in cooperation with the United Nations Library, some of the organizations of the United Nations system in Geneva and non-governmental organizations, is to be displayed from 6 to 10 December 1993. On 10 December a continuous show of films on human rights has been organized and in the afternoon the round table "Human rights in daily life - evolution after the Vienna Conference" will take place.

52. The Centre for Human Rights was in charge of all arrangements for the awarding of the Human Rights Prize in accordance with General Assembly resolution 2217 (XXI) of 19 December 1966. This included the call for

nominations and the process of selection. About 1,000 letters were sent to Governments and non-governmental organizations throughout the world. The Centre convened and serviced the meeting of the Special Committee established by the above-mentioned resolution for the selection of the winners of the prize and cooperated with DPI in the organization of the award ceremony. The Human Rights Prize was awarded to nine individuals and organizations for their outstanding contribution in the field of human rights.

53. The Centre for Human Rights is also participating in the preparation of the commemoration of the fiftieth anniversary of the United Nations.

54. Official commemorations were organized by United Nations information centres and services throughout the world.

IV. BUDGET

55. The budget for the biennium 1992-1993 for the printing of information and reference materials was US$ 326,800. It was entirely utilized or committed during the biennium.

56. The publications programme of the Centre for Human Rights is continuously expanding to respond to the increasing needs in the field of human rights information. The coordinating role of the Centre in conducting system-wide attention to human rights, requested by both the Commission and the World Conference for Human Rights, will call for additional activities of the Centre in the field of publications and information. In view of this situation, the question of the allocation of adequate resources to the publications programme of the Centre needs to be addressed, since the present resources are manifestly insufficient for the needs of the programme. The lack of human resources dedicated to the programme is particularly severe and, unless remedied, will seriously affect the ability of the Centre to implement its proposed programme for 1994.

V. ASSESSMENT OF THE IMPACT OF THE WORLD PUBLIC INFORMATION CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN RIGHTS

57. For the assessment of the impact of the World Public Information Campaign, the Centre for Human Rights may utilize a number of indicators which do not necessarily provide a full picture of the reach and extent of the Campaign. They may, however, help to establish a projection, which should be continuously evaluated.

58. The first objectives of the Campaign are (a) to stimulate public interest in human rights issues which will (b) create public awareness of the principles involved in human rights standards. Such awareness will (c) foster increased involvement of people around the world in human rights issues as well as in many activities developed at the international, regional and national levels for the promotion and respect of human rights.

59. In relation to (a), the considerable increase in the requests for human rights information and documentation from Governments, non-governmental organizations, academic and research institutions, schools, national and regional human rights centres and individuals is an indicator suggesting a

widening of the interest in human rights issues throughout the world. The media also reflect the increase in public interest in the human rights programmes of the United Nations. This can be measured by the numerous articles and information published in newspapers, in particular in developing countries, concerning United Nations programmes and activities, as well as through the renewed interest of news agencies which regularly contact the Centre for Human Rights for information and publications. The increase in the mailing list for human rights information, which includes several news agencies, also constitutes an indicator of this interest. Greater interest in this regard may also be adduced from the continuous increase in the number of requests for briefings received by the Centre from universities, high schools, journalists, non-governmental organizations, diplomats and public officials.

60. In relation to (b), public awareness is a direct consequence of such interest and it is reflected in the numerous initiatives to establish new governmental and non-governmental organizations, institutions and groups dealing with human rights issues; the publication of a great number of reviews, bulletins, articles, studies, etc., on human rights issues (which are received regularly by the Centre for Human Rights); the increasing number of meetings, seminars, debates, conferences, etc. on human rights held all over the world; the inclusion of human rights issues in the curricula of universities, schools and other educational institutions and the discussion opened by all international, regional and national organizations dealing with economic, social and cultural development on the integration of human rights elements into their programmes of action.

61. In terms of involvement, a significant increase in the rate at which human rights treaties are being ratified has been observed over the last several years. This year, the World Conference on Human Rights adopted the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action in which it urged universal ratification of the Convention on the Rights of the Child by 1995 and the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women by the year 2000. It also encouraged all States to accede to all international human rights instruments, in particular the Geneva Conventions of 1949 and other relevant instruments of international humanitarian law, the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination and the Convention on the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families.

62. Increased participation is further revealed by the recourse to the United Nations human rights machinery which during the last few years has multiplied the number of procedures aimed at monitoring the observance of human rights and protecting individuals, groups and communities from human rights violations. The number of requests for protection and reports of human rights violations has registered an upward trend during recent years, accompanied by a similar trend in the number of national institutions devoted to the promotion and protection of human rights.

63. The above information is indicative of a growing interest, awareness and involvement in human rights, which has accelerated over the last few years. While expecting this trend to continue, the Centre nevertheless remains conscious of the constraints within which its programmes operate.

64. As the above analysis indicates, the World Public Information Campaign is clearly going some way towards increasing awareness about human rights throughout the world. However, much remains to be done and there are a number of areas which remain to be addressed. During 1993, the Information Section suffered the consequences of a staff shortage in the Centre as a whole. Experienced personnel of the section were transferred to deal with urgent matters in the area of technical assistance which has also witnessed unprecedented growth over the past several years. The result was particularly serious in view of the fact that a grave human resources problem existed within the section even before this unavoidable reallocation of responsibilities.

65. The World Conference on Human Rights stated that human rights education is essential for the promotion and achievement of stable and harmonious relations among communities and for fostering mutual understanding and tolerance. The World Conference further underlined the importance of strengthening the World Public Information Campaign for Human Rights carried out by the United Nations.

66. The World Public Information Campaign is now firmly in place and a strategy has been developed to ensure its continued, effective implementation. At present, the Centre is unable to guarantee full implementation of this strategy. An increase in financial and human resources is necessary to ensure that the opportunity offered by the upsurge of public interest in human rights and the work of the United Nations in this area is not wasted.

Annex

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BULLETIN OF HUMAN RIGHTS

Special issue on the fortieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (1988)

Implementation of international human rights instruments (89/1)
Special procedures - The role of non-governmental organizations (90/1)

Human rights and humanitarian law - Human rights and refugee law (91/1)

The rights of the child (91/2)

AD HOC PUBLICATIONS

European workshop on the Universal Declaration of Human Rights: past - present - future: proceedings (Milan, Italy, 7-9 September 1988) HR/PUB/89/1

The administration of justice and human rights for East European countries: report of a United Nations training course (Moscow, 21-25 November 1988) HR/PUB/89/2

The teaching of human rights: report of an international seminar, (Geneva, 5-9 December 1988) HR/PUB/89/3

The effects of racism and racial discrimination on the social and economic relations between indigenous peoples and States: report of a seminar (Geneva, 16-20 January 1989) HR/PUB/89/5

Application of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights under the Optional Protocol by the Human Rights Committee (no symbol)

The African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights HR/PUB/90/1

Report of an international consultation on AIDS and human rights (Geneva, 26-28 July 1989) HR/PUB/90/2

United Nations training course on international norms and standards in the field of human rights: proceedings (Moscow, 27 November-1 December 1989) HR/PUB/90/6

Second Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination: global compilation of national legislation against racial discrimination HR/PUB/90/8

The realization of the right to development: global consultation on the right to development as a human right (Geneva, 8-12 January 1990) HR/PUB/91/2

Political, historical, economic, social and cultural factors contributing to racism, racial discrimination and apartheid: report of a seminar (Geneva, January 10-14 December 1990) HR/PUB/91/3

Manual on human rights reporting HR/PUB/91/1

The first twenty years: progress report of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination HR/PUB/91/4

Workshop on international human rights instruments and reporting obligations: preparation of reports to United Nations human rights treaty bodies (Moscow, 26-30 August 1991) HR/PUB/91/5

Teaching and learning about human rights - A manual for schools of social work and the social work profession HR/PUB/92/1

African seminar on international human rights standards and the administration of justice (Cairo, 8-12 July 1992) HR/PUB/91/6

United Nations Workshop for the Asia-Pacific Region on Human Rights Issues (Jakarta, 26-28 January 1993) HR/PUB/93/1

HUMAN RIGHTS STUDY SERIES

No. 1 Right to adequate food as a human right by A. Eide (E.89.XIV.2)

No. 2 Elimination of all forms of intolerance and discrimination based on religion or belief by E. Odio Benito (E.89.XIV.3)

No. 3 Freedom of the Individual under law: an analysis of article 29 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights by E.I. Daes (E.89.XIV.5)

No. 4 Status of the individual and contemporary international law: promotion, protection and restoration of human rights at national, regional and international levels by E.I. Daes (E.91.XIV.3)

No. 5 Study on the rights of persons belonging to ethnic, religious and linguistic minorities by F. Capotorti (E.91.XIV.2)

No. 6 Human Rights and Disabled Persons by L. Despouy (E.92.XIV.4)

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING SERIES

- Teaching and Learning about Human Rights - A Manual for Schools of Social Work and the Social Work Profession

- Handbook on Free and Fair Elections

- Handbook on International Standards related to Pre-Trial Detention

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

ABC Teaching Human Rights

Human Rights Newsletter

Human Rights: Questions and Answers

Human Rights: A Compilation of International Instruments (E.93.XIV.1)

Human Rights: Status of International Instruments (E.87.XIV.2)

Human Rights: International Instruments. Chart of Ratifications as at 31 January 1993 (ST/HR/4/Rev.7)

Human Rights Bibliography (G.V.E.92.0.16)

Official Records of the Human Rights Committee

Selected Decisions of the Human Rights Committee Under the Optional Protocol (vols. I and II) (CCPR/C/OP/1 and 2)

United Nations Reference Guide in the Field of Human Rights (E.93.XIV.4)

United Nations Action in the Field of Human Rights

Yearbook of the Human Rights Committee

Yearbook on Human Rights